

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

PANDA PAWS RESCUE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GARY WALTERS,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-5700JLR

ORDER STRIKING  
DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR  
WITHDRAWAL AND  
SUBSTITUTION

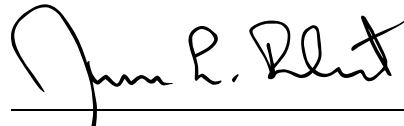
Before the court is Defendant Gary Walters’s unopposed motion to allow withdrawal and substitution of counsel for Defendant. (Mot. (Dkt. # 19).) Mr. Walters represents that his motion is unopposed. (*See id.*) Because Mr. Walters’s motion does not comply with this court’s local rules, the court STRIKES Mr. Walters’s motion.

Local Rule 83.2(b) governs the procedures that attorneys must follow to withdraw from civil cases in this district. Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 83.2(b). The local rules prescribe that leave to withdraw “shall be obtained by filing a motion or a stipulation for withdrawal . . . .” *Id.* at 83.2(b)(1). A motion for withdrawal “shall be noted in

1 accordance with LCR 7(d)(3). *Id.* Alternatively, a stipulation and proposed order for  
2 withdrawal “must (1) be signed by all opposing counsel or *pro se* parties, and (2) be  
3 signed by the party’s new counsel, if appropriate . . . .” *Id.*

4 Here, although Mr. Walters states that his motion is unopposed, he has not filed a  
5 stipulation and proposed order in accordance with LCR 83.2(b)(1) and LCR 7(d)(1). (*See*  
6 *generally* Mot.) Absent a stipulation signed by opposing counsel, Mr. Walters must file a  
7 motion for withdrawal and substitution pursuant to LCR 83.2(b)(1) and LCR 7(d)(3).  
8 Accordingly, the court STRIKES Mr. Walters’s motion (Dkt. # 19). Should Mr. Walters  
9 seek substitution of counsel, he shall file either a motion for withdrawal and substitution  
10 or a stipulated motion and proposed order that complies with the court’s local rules.

11 Dated this 2nd day of November, 2020.

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15 United States District Judge  
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